

St Aidan's Parish

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Office Days this week: Wednesday 17th April
SACRAMENTS AND FUNERALS AT ST AIDAN'S

BAPTISM: By appointment after completing a Baptism preparation course. Please contact St Aidan's as early as possible in your planning. Next course dates to be confirmed.

MARRIAGE: By appointment after completion of a Marriage Preparation Course. Please contact the office BEFORE making any firm plans.

FUNERALS: By arrangement with the Parish Priest. Please contact the office BEFORE making any firm arrangements with undertakers or the crematorium.

If you would like something included in the newsletter, please email the office. Deadline for next week: Tues 16th April

PALM SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2019

Date	Time	Mass/Service of Communion	Mass intention	Other Services/events
Sat 13 th April	6.00pm	Mass PALM SUNDAY With blessing of palms at both Masses	People of the Parish	10am – noon Confessions 5.15-5.45pm Confessions
Sun 14 th April	11.00am	Mass	Peter Wilson RIP	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall
Mon 15 th April	9.30am	Mass – of Holy Week	Susie Barclay RIP	9.00am Rosary
Tues 16 th April	9.30am	Mass – of Holy Week	Mary Nelson RIP	9.00am Rosary
Wed 17 th April	9.30am	Mass – of Holy Week	Paul Murphy (Sp Int)	9.00am Rosary
MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by prayer at the Altar of Repose until 10.30pm	People of the Parish	11.00am Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral – All Welcome
GOOD FRIDAY A day of fasting and abstinence	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord Retiring collection for Christians in the Holy Land.		10.00am Walk of Witness starting at St George's Church 3.00pm Children's Stations of the Cross in the Hall
HOLY SATURDAY	8.30pm	Easter Vigil with First Mass of the Resurrection Offertory collections to MoPSA	People of the Parish	10.00-11.00am Confessions 2.30pm Polish Blessing of food. All welcome
EASTER SUNDAY	11.00am	Mass of the Resurrection	Jason Richards in thanksgiving	12noon Tea and Coffee in the Hall

FR KEN WRITES

We begin the most important week of the year when we call to mind the great events leading up to the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. So, I invite you to join together as a community in thanking and praising God for having entrusted us to live out and share this Good News in our world which so badly needs to hear it.

Do make sure you have one of our Pastoral Area Easter booklets and take part in whatever you can.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READER TEAM

Sat 13th: LH SuH MH & C; Sun 14th: AB JJ FM & W
 Easter Services: Please sign up on sheet in sacristy

Collection for 6th & 7th April: £628.17
 Standing orders: £480.00

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At 3pm on Good Friday, at the same time as the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord in the Church, there will be a Children's Stations of the Cross in the hall. It is a service that is enjoyed by families and is well attended. At the Service, we ask that one or two members of a family (either a parent and child, or two children) come forward to read a very short passage about the station and a short reflection. Once the Stations of the Cross are completed we join the congregation in the church, and the whole service is usually concluded in about an hour.

If you are planning on attending please consider putting your family forward for a reading. To do this please email the office this weekend, or add your name and email address to the sign up sheet at the back of church. We will then email you a copy of the reading so you have a chance to practice it with your children. Thank you.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

All are welcome to the Churches Together Walk of Witness. Those wishing to take part should meet in St Aidan's car park by 9.45am. We will then walk together to St. George's Church for a prompt departure at 10.00am. The walk will go into Little Chalfont, pausing for prayer and reflection and then return to St. Georges for 11.00am where there will be a service followed by coffee and hot cross buns.

HOLY SATURDAY BLESSING OF FOOD

The Poles have a custom of blessing their food on Holy Saturday, and this will take place at 2.30pm here at St Aidan's next Saturday 20th April. All are most welcome, and you should bring a small basket of food to be blessed for your Easter breakfast.

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be Sunday 28th April at 1.00pm in the Parish Hall. The sign-up list is in the narthex. £4 for a 2-course lunch and a glass of wine.

A MILE IN THEIR SHOES

A Mile in Their Shoes is an exhibition of shoes worn by people around the world, including teachers, refugees, bereaved parents, charity workers and many others. Each person has their own story to tell of love, struggle and hope. It is at St Mary's Church from 14th to 18th April. Please go to <https://stmaryschesham.org/a-mile-in-their-shoes-2019/> for more information.

OFFICE HOURS

Due to the school holidays, next week the office will only be open on Wednesday 17th April.

EASTER SERVICES ROTA

Could all readers, eucharistic ministers, AV operators and Altar servers please have a look at the sign-up sheet in the sacristy and add your name if you are able to help. Thank you.

YOUCAT FOR KIDS

The YOUCAT for kids is a wonderful resource aimed at younger children. It is a great new tool for catechists, and for parents and carers as they pass on the faith to children. On Saturday 27th April, from 10.30am – 12noon in the hall there will be the opportunity to: browse the YOUCAT for Kids, be guided through a method of using it, have the opportunity to purchase a copy at the reduced price of £10 & hear about support and training for catechists. There is no charge for the event itself, but booking is essential. To book please email admin@nores.org not the parish office.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are delighted to advertise the role of Catholic Parish Youth Minister in the parishes of Ss Philip and James and Holy Cross, Bedford. This is a rare and exciting opportunity for a practising Catholic, with the right skills and experiences, to support and develop local young people in their faith and relationship with their parish. Full details of the role can be found by visiting www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or calling the diocesan HR Advisor on 01604 714840. The closing date for applications will be 3rd May 2019.